

Communities of Opportunity

Interim Governance Group

Meeting Notes

September 16, 2016 2:00-4:00pm

Location: Chinook Building Rm 121

401 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104

Members Present: *Katherine Cortes, Ubax Gardheere, Patty Hayes, Betsy Jones, Paola Maranan, Sili Savusa, Tony To, Michael Woo. On the phone: Michael Brown, Deanna Dawson*

Staff Present: *Sharon Bogan, Nadine Chan, Veronica Gonzalvo, Alice Ito, Cheryl Markham, Aaron Robertson, Kirsten Wysen and Kristin Moore, Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC)*

Welcome and Introductions

Betsy Jones welcomed Communities of Opportunity (COO) Interim Governance Group (IGG) members and staff to the COO IGG meeting at the Chinook Building.

Update on Council process - Betsy

- Best Starts COO Implementation Plan
Betsy shared updates on the council process and the Best Start for Kids (BSK) hearings and ordinance.
- Governance ordinance – scheduled for December hearing, an IGG Transition Committee will be needed to act on the next steps likely in early 2017.

Progress and questions from Theory of Change/Learning Community subgroup – Alice

Alice Ito reported on:

- Proposed percentage ranges for the Learning Community is 15 to 25% of BSK-COO public investment
- Forum and technical assistance costs are proposed to be an additional 5% to 10%
- The subgroup is working on an overall COO theory of change as well as the design of the learning community. They are also addressing how to blend private sector and government to achieve the Learning Community and COO goals – where the emphasis is on closing racial inequities.

The IGG members discussed how are we staffing COO and the proposed 14% of BSK-COO funds for staffing. A new Initiative Director and two staff are proposed to be hired in the fall of 2016.

The group pointed out the need to clarify the process of adding cultural communities and new place-based placement.

Alice thanked the IGG subgroup for their participation working on the Theory of Change and the Learning Community design.

One IGG member felt very strongly the need to prioritize the work of the COO. The May retreat helped him realize that efforts have been somewhat diffused so far. He appreciated Alice and Marguerite's work with the Theory of Change subgroup and urged the group to think about how to prioritize.

SPARCC, Arnold Foundation and Ballmer Foundation next steps – Alice & Cheryl, Nadine and Aaron
Cheryl reported on Strong, Prosperous and Resilient Community Challenge (SPARCC).

- This grant and low-interest loan funding opportunity is focused on built environment changes, such as land banking, land preserving, and affordable housing near frequent transit operations.
- Cheryl also shared information on the late August/early Sept HOPE SF site visit.

Data updates: displacement, scorecard, community connection measures – Nadine

Nadine reported on:

- Arnold Foundation's interest in integrating data from multiple sectors.
- The possibility of a 12-month planning in partnership with UW Applied Public Policy Lab at the Evans School and how COO could align with their work to improve human potential.
- Several partners continue to build data infrastructure in King County to improving education and the displacement gaps, the unstable housing, youth and its impact on health income.
- The COO Data Workgroup is focusing on data entry, Results Scorecard, and indicators for health, housing, jobs and community connection.
- PHSKC is also working hard on linking housing and health data together.

The governance group asked the following questions:

- What do we mean by inclusivity?
- How can the IGG members be part of the COO evaluation approaches we are doing?
- What are our specific criteria for funding?
- When would BSK-COO funding go out?
- What are the barriers that could help us to identify leverage points?

It was noted that the BSK-COO funds would start in 2017 and that a workplan for the next two years would be needed for the IGG to consider. The group discussed how to accelerate investments and learnings as the additional public funds are invested. They are eager to hear ideas about how to evaluate the effects of the COO work.

The group discussed what they believe are the best ways to support changing systems, in addition to ways to improve the sites. The group acknowledged there are different perceptions and ideas about what it means to operate differently and not do business as usual.